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SUBJECT: IRAQ UN MISSION PURCHASE OF FIRE ARMS

REF: BAGHDAD 1771

1. THE FOLLOWING IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY.

THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT ARRESTED AN ILLEGAL ALIEN ON DECEMBER 5 AND CHARGED HIM WITH ILLEGALLY PURCHASING MACHINE GUNS FOR DELIVERY TO THE IRAQ UNTTED NATIONS MISSION. THE MISSION TOOK POSSESSION OF AT LEAST 100 MACHINE GUNS ON NOVEMBER 12. SUBSEQUENT TREASURY INVESTIGATION SUGGESTS THAT THE IRAQ UN MISSION MAY HAVE ILLEGALLY PURCHASED AND STORED OTHER WEAPONS.

2. THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL IN BALTIMORE IS ASKING FOR A HIGH BAIL AND INTENDS TO MAKE CLEAR THAT THE DEFENDANT'S PURCHASE OF, AND DIVERSION OF THESE WEAPONS, WAS FOR THE BENEFIT OF A FOREIGN POWER. THE PRESS SHOULD BE ABLE TO DETERMINE QUICKLY THE CONNECTION WITH IRAQ.

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THE DEFENDANT HAS IMPLICATED IRAQI DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL,

INCLUDING THE MISSION'S NUMBER 2 MAN.

3. WE ASSUME THERE WILL BE PUBLICITY. FURTHERMORE, TREASURY WISHES TO CONTINUE THE INVESTIGATION BY INTERVIEWING PERSONNEL WHO WORK FOR THE

IRAQ MISSION.

4. THE DEFENDANT, ANTONIO POLYTARIDES, APPARENTLY HAS IMPLIED TO TREASURY AGENTS THAT THE ILLEGALLY PURCHASED GUNS WERE TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH FORTHCOMING OPEC MEETING AT DOHA. KISSINGER

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